

COUNTRY East Germany  
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TOPIC Soviet Ammunition Depots in East Germany

EVALUATION see below

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DATE OF CONTENT August to November 1952

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REFERENCES

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REMARKS

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1. On 24 October 1952, the framework of the new ammunition depot at Bad Saarow on the premises of the former AAA testing station was completed. The date for the opening of the depot was fixed for 21 December 1952.<sup>1</sup>
2. At the beginning of November 1952, 13 large bunkers, each 12 x 24 meters, and 4 small bunkers, each 8.5 x 12 meters, had been established in the new Bad Saarow ammunition depot. Some of the bunkers were not roofed over. A spur track from the depot to the Bad Saarow railroad station was available. The installation was enclosed by a double barbed-wire fence placed at a distance of 50 meters and 12 searchlights were set up.
3. In August 1952, source learned from an informant that the ammunition depot at Torgau-Sueptitz consisted of a bunker section, and an ammunition filling plant which was in the former ammunition filling station. The bunker section covers the western part of the depot and consisted of above ground concrete bunkers provided with iron gates with lattice fences. They were established in two rows along the concrete roads which traverse the depot. The depot is located in a wood. The depot stores only captured German ammunition which is shipped in sealed boxcars at irregular intervals. The ammunition is cleaned and reconditioned at Torgau. Most of the ammunition consists of artillery shells. Ammunition which cannot be used anymore is exploded in the terrain near Sueptitz. Workmen stated that reconditioned ammunition is continuously shipped from Torgau to Mockrehna and, some shipments, to Kapen.
4. A VP deserter stated in September 1952 that, in 1949, the Soviet personnel at the Torgau-Sueptitz ammunition depot numbered about 700 men. The depot proper was guarded by Soviet soldiers only while the outside guard was performed by VP men. According to rumors, large amounts of artillery ammunition, mortars ammunition, ammunition for rocket launchers, tanks and AAA were stored in the depot.
5. On 5 October 1952, the ammunition depot [redacted] Jueterbog-Altes Lager, received 20 carloads of ammunition from Frankfurt/Oder, [redacted] under shipment-record No 71/10227.<sup>2</sup>

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Ammunition Depot at Hohenleipisch

6. In mid-August and at the end of November, trucks [redacted] made trips to the Hohenleipisch ammunition depot.

7. Soviet ammunition shipments by rail

From Torgau:

Date	Load in Boxcars	Number of Tons	Receiving Station
20 September	2	60	Pfaffendorf

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From Mockrehna, [redacted]

1 through 29 September	261	3,888	Torgau, [redacted] 25X1B
1 through 29 October	239	3,885	Torgau, [redacted]

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From Altenhain, [redacted]

3 September	1		Mechterstaedt
	1		Ohrdruf
4 "	1		Lossa
10 "	2		Glauchau
16 "	2		Halle
23 "	2		Lossa
29 "	1		Altengrabow
	1		Glauchau
3 October	3	45	Altenburg
5 "	3	47	Gera
6 "	2	30	Merseburg
7 "	1	17	Gera
9 "	1	17	Meiningen
10 "	1	17	Plauen
11 "	2	32	Ohrdruf

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27 October	1	17	Gotha
28 "	2	32	Saalfeld
30 "	2	32	Altengrabow
31 "	4	60	Naumburg
15 November	2	30	Zeitz
18 "	3	45	Altenburg
25 "	5	75	Weimar
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25 "	1	15	Jena
27 "	1	15	Naumburg
28 "	4	28	Altengrabow
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11 October	23	420	Altengrabow
	2	49	Fuerstenwalde
13 "	15	190	Altenhain
18 "	3	40	Finow
	3	40	Jueterbog-Altes Lager
	4	55	Dannenwalde
	4	55	Roederau
30 "	3	63	Altengrabow
15 November	2	31	Rathenow

From Hohenleipisch:

14 September	2	20	Gardelegen
16 "	16	245	Altengrabow
17 "	2	35	Rathenow
	12	185	Juetertog-Altes Lager

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